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GRANT COMPETITION ANNOUNCED FOR 21ST CENTURY COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTERS

The Nebraska Department of Education is requesting proposals for the 21st Century Community Learning Centers 2017 grant competition. Approximately \$2 million is available to successful Nebraska applicants who offer services to eligible school buildings where at least 40 percent of students qualify for free or reduced priced meals as reported on the 2015-16 Nebraska Education Profile (formerly Nebraska State of the Schools Report).

Two types of 21st CCLC grants are available:

- First-Time Grants for applicants proposing to serve eligible school building populations that have never been served by a 21st CCLC grant, and
- Continuation Grants for applicants who have successfully implemented 21st CCLC programs for five years and who propose continuing those programs to the same eligible school building populations.

The goal of the 21st CCLC program is to establish or expand community learning centers that provide students with academic enrichment opportunities as well as activities that complement the students' regular academic programs.

Proposals for the grant competition must be postmarked no later than Feb. 1, 2017. The grant application, eligibility requirements and funding priorities are available on the Nebraska Department of Education website at: <http://www.education.ne.gov/21stcclc/>.

A technical assistance grant writing workshop for first-time grant applicants will be conducted at the following date and location:

- October 11, 2016 – 2:00 p.m. CDT, Nebraska State Office Building, 14th & "M" Streets, 6th Floor, V-Tel Conference Room, Lincoln. For information on how to connect to the workshop remotely, please visit the website.

Interested individuals are encouraged to participate in this workshop along with other school and community representatives that wish to collaborate.